Public Notice

Applicant: Frank Gumina

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

In Reply Refer To:

Buffalo District CELRB-CO-R RE: 98-502-0015(3) Section: OH 404

Application for Permit under Authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

Mr. Frank Gumina, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 193 Forest Hill, Avon Lake, Ohio, 44012, has requested a Department of the Army permit to fill wetlands and an unnamed drainageway to Porter Creek during construction of an assisted living cluster development. The project is located north of Detroit Road, in the City of Avon, Lorain County, Ohio. The applicant was previously authorized to place fill in approximately 2.95 acres of Federal jurisdictional wetlands, including portions of the unnamed drainageway, for the construction of the Good Samaritan Housing Development. As mitigation for those impacts, the applicant agreed to restore approximately 6.16 acres of wetlands on-site.

The current project consists of the following:

- a. Fill material will be placed in an additional 4.373 acres of Federal jurisdictional wetlands and approximately 1232 linear feet of an unnamed drainageway which flows to Porter Creek in order to construct cluster housing, apartments, access roads, parking lots; install utilities; and perform landscaping.
- b. As mitigation for the wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to purchase 8.8 acres of wetland credit within the Rocky River or Black River watersheds, providing a 2.0:1 mitigation ratio.
- c. As mitigation for the proposed stream impacts, the applicant proposes to place a conservation easement on the 1090 feet of Porter Creek that crosses the northern portion of the site. In addition, the applicant proposes to enhance approximately 760 linear feet of Elk Creek, located in the Rocky River watershed. The combined preservation and enhancement will result in a 1.5:1 mitigation ratio.
- d. Deed restrictions will be placed on all wetlands on-site, including the 6.16 acres of restored wetlands. A conservation easement will be placed on the on-site portion of Porter Creek; this easement will be held by a conservation group.

The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a continuing-care retirement community.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the

attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Elizabeth W. Stone, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4363, or by e-mail at: Elizabeth.W.Stone@usace.army.mil

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199, and should be marked to the attention of Elizabeth W. Stone, or by e-mail at: Elizabeth.W.Stone@usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record which is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

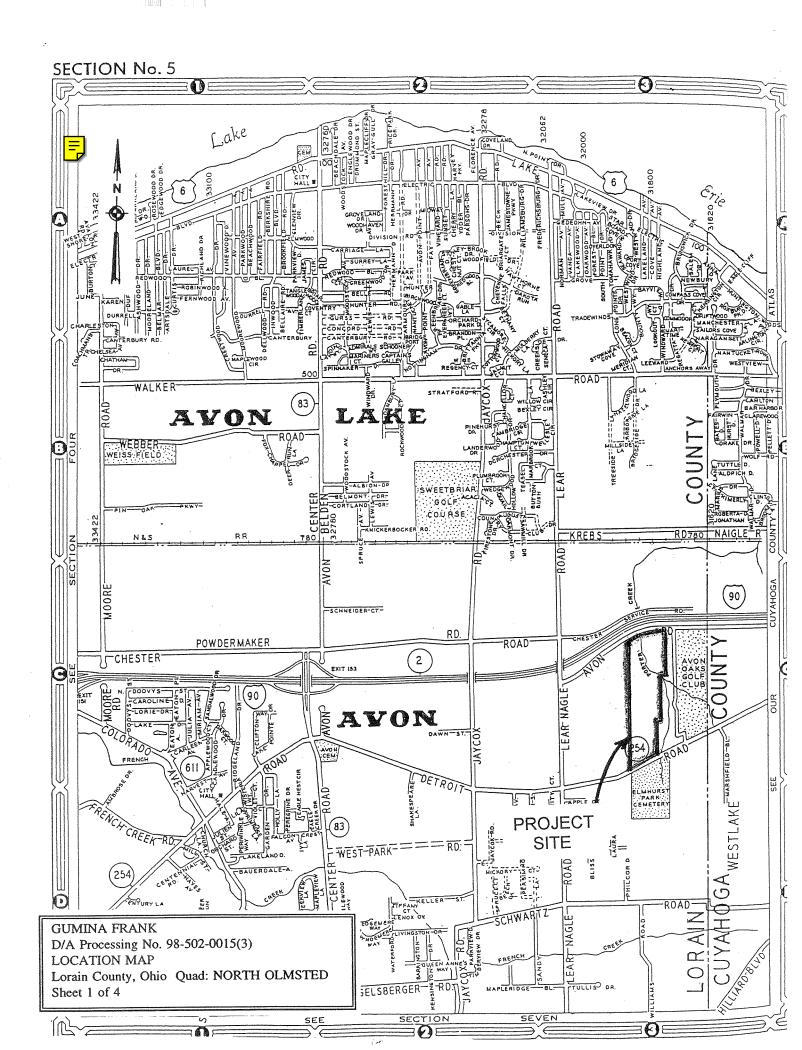
Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

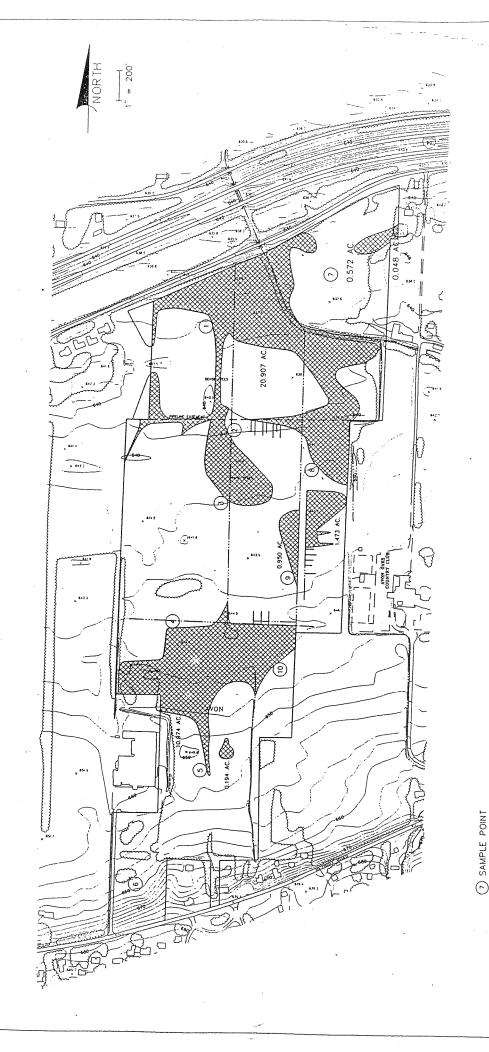
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Paul G. Leuchner Chief, Regulatory Branch

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WETLAND DELINEATION

·MR, FRANK GUMINA LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF AVON LORAIN COUNTY STATE OF OHIO

35974V 5-98 INC. FLICKINGER WETLAND SERVICES GROUP, GOOD SAMARITAN PROPERTY WETLAND DELINEATION MR. FRANK GUMINA

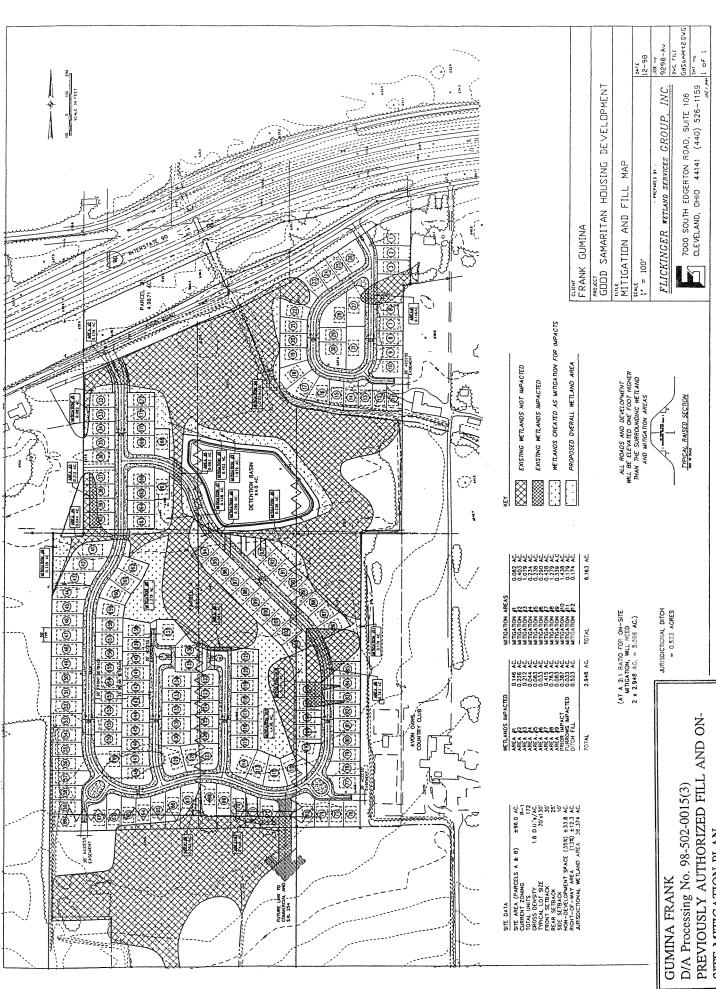


TOTAL JURISDICTIONAL AREA = 36.374 ACRES

- STREAM/DITCH AREA = 1.223 ACRES

FURROW AREA = 0.033 ACRES

COM LAKE/POND AREA = 0.048 ACRES WETLAND AREA = 35.070 ACRES

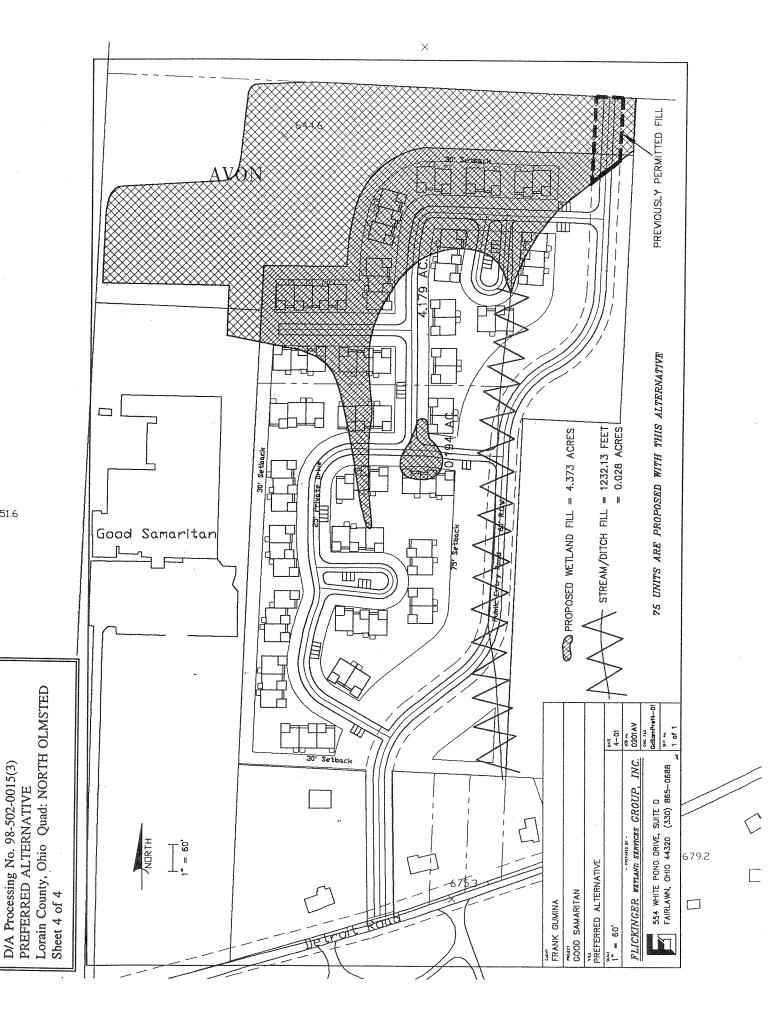


JURISDICTIONAL DITCH = 0.523 ACRES

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PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FILL AND ON-D/A Processing No. 98-502-0015(3) SITE MITIGATION PLAN Sheet 3 of 4



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